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Students may lose \$\$\$\$ aid

By JOSHUA FORD
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The United States Department of Education identified Los Angeles Valley College as one of 900 post-secondary schools that could be excluded from student loan programs due to high percentages of loan defaults.

"The last LAVC default rate report was for '91 - '92 and it hovered around 11 percent," said Valley Financial Assistant Jeremy Villar. "We could lose eligibility for loans if it goes above 30 percent," said Villar. The Financial Aid Department could provide no figures on exactly how much money would be lost.

The motive for the cuts stems from Department of Education findings that indicate a 17.5 percent national default rate for fiscal year 1991. These failed loans costed taxpayers a total of \$3.6 billion according to recent department reports.

Programs at risk from federal cuts are included in the Federal Family Education Loan Programs (previously the Guaranteed Student Loan Programs). This includes Federal Stafford Loans, Federal Supplement loans for students and Federal PLUS loans for parents.

Department research results indicate however, loan default rates have dropped firmly from 1990 to the current fiscal year. The rate dropped 4.9 percent from '90 to '91 and the burden on taxpayers for the current year is expected to be down \$1 billion. This decrease is due to Department of Education programs which include providing schools with default management plans according to information released by U.S. Secretary of



Michael Oehler/Valley Star

Students shop for colleges and universities on College Day at Monarch Square on Tuesday.

Education Richard Riley.

It is possible for schools which are affected by the loss of student aid to appeal to the department "on the grounds of exceptional mitigating circumstances as specified by regulation and attempt to demonstrate that, despite a high default rate, the school is successfully serving students," according to default sanctions brochures provided by the department.

Food drive presses on

Students on campus are currently participating in a canned food drive for the Frontline Foundation which has been serving up food from the back of a truck to the Los Angeles homeless for the past 6 years.

The off-campus organization, headed by Ray Castellani, was introduced to LAVC through Math instructor Mary Hito who said, "I was hoping to get people to contribute on a regular basis, once a month or once a

week."

Hito, who picks up donated food from supermarkets and bakeries each week for the foundation, suggests students bring in canned goods such as "tuna fish, soups, peanut butter, jelly, and fruit cocktail" to the drop-off station located in the ASU office.

With the help of student contributions, the Frontline Foundation can continue to distribute 6000 meals to the homeless each month. -Compiled by Betty Lousararian

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President's Award for Outstanding Student Leadership makes a comeback

By ROBERT WELSH
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Recent inquiries by students have sparked new interest in an "old" presentation. As a result, the Student Services Committee (SSC) is developing new guidelines for the President's Award for Outstanding Student Leader.

Although the award is mentioned in the school catalogue, it has not been presented for some time, according to Mary S. Spangler, Dean of Student Services at Los Angeles Valley College. Details on when

the award was last given were not available. The SSC plans to develop a new criterion with the current student population in mind, she said.

"It's a once a year award, but the details are still in the planning stages," Spangler said. The committee will present their findings to the president of the college, Dr. Mary Lee, and she will decide how to go forward with it. Ultimately, "Dr. Lee will decide how the new award will look," Spangler said. "It's a leadership award as opposed to an academic award, and

it will certainly emphasize leadership and service to the college," she added.

One thing concerning committee members about the award is the nomination process, Spangler said. Under the "old" guidelines, students were nominated for the award by faculty members. The committee may recommend changing this, she said. As an alternative, students may be able to nominate themselves. Once becoming a candidate, they could support their application with reference letters from their professors. Spangler

stressed this is just one possibility under consideration.

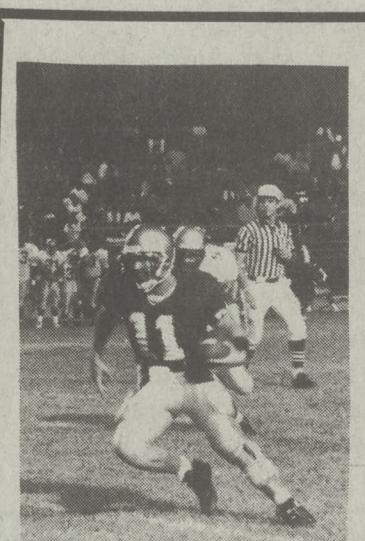
The SSC is researching several options right now. Whatever the format, Spangler said she is positive that the new President's Award for Outstanding Student Leader will be a prestigious award, and it would look good on the winner's resume.

Spangler's office intends to keep students informed of any new developments. "We've had lots of requests," she said, "and there should be applications available in the next month or two."

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Students honor college professor with farewell party and plaque

By AMANDA L.DUCHOW
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Corky Higgins/Valley Star

The lions roared, the ground trembled and the trees swayed. That is how it was Saturday night in the "den", better known as Monarch Stadium where the Lions mauled the Tartars, 33-20.

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Dr. Gloria Miranda, a Chicano Studies professor and formerly dean of Student Affairs, has left Los Angeles Valley College to become dean of Behavioral and Social Sciences at El Camino College.

Being a much loved colleague and friend, students, past and present along with faculty and administrators surprised Miranda with a dinner reception in LAVC's Monarch hall.

The evening's event was put together by students Martha Gonzalez and Carlos Ramirez. The dinner included a performance by dance troupe "Grupo de Danza Cuauhtemoc", comedy by Willie Barcena, music by rapper MC Boulevard, and dancing provided by Hector Martinez, of Valley Sounds, also a former student of

to get the job done when needed."

Miranda was presented a plaque that reads: "In appreciation to Dr. Gloria Miranda, a woman who has given so much to so many: A colleague, a Professor, an advisor, a mentor, and most of all a friend. You've influenced us all, we love you dearly, your friends at LAVC."

The event was attended by many of Miranda's co-workers including President of Academic Affairs Tyree Wieder. Wieder said she was pleased with the amount of work the students did in order to make the event work. "I was extremely pleased that the students took the initiative to sponsor the dinner for Dr. Miranda. They are to be congratulated for taking the responsibility and following through on all aspects of the evening. Invitations, decorations, making arrangements for dinner and entertainment. It shows the ability of the LAVC student body

Dr. Miranda received her first teaching job at LAVC and remained at the college for 19 years. She was also presented with an LAVC coffee mug on behalf of Valley College President Mary E. Lee.

The plaque, she was presented with, now hangs in her new office at El Camino.

Staff writer Jane Oirich also contributed to this story.

AB 1380: A great opportunity

At this very minute, a bill of great importance to college students sits upon the desk of California Governor Pete Wilson.

The bill AB 1380, the Student Voter Rights Act of 1993, would allow for all college students to register to vote and receive absentee

ballots at the time of school registration. As well as on campus polling places.

Wilson must sign the bill by Monday October 11. Should the Governor choose not to sign the bill, it will not become law.

AB 1380 is a great chance for

for students to voice their choice

college students to become more involved in the election process. Signing of AB 1380 would contradict the belief that students are apathetic and unaware.

The ease represented by the Student Voter Rights act greatly outweighs any problems that the idea

of on campus voting could cause.

The Valley Star urges students to call the office of Pete Wilson and demand that the Governor sign AB 1380 into law. Its passage will be beneficial to all students and their futures.

National Service Act, a solution for both sides

By JEANETTE GOLDBERG
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The saying was "I only have to pay taxes and die!" As students we have to say "I only have to pay taxes, repay my student loans and die!" I cringe every time that "envelope" comes in the mail. It means one of two things: that I have to get another semester verification of enrollment for a deferment of my student loan, or that AFSA is claiming not to have received the verification for that semester.

Whatever it is, this is just one more bureaucratic paper-trail for me to keep in a file. If I cannot find my copy of the school verification form, I have to re-request another be sent, hoping this time AFSA records that I have done my "homework". Either way the alternative of having to start paying \$90.00+ a month is pretty steep when you have a limited income. But on Tuesday, September 21, 1993, President Clinton signed legislation allowing student to trade public service work for college tuition.

The law is known as Public Law 82 and stems from HR 2010. It is a watered-down version of Clinton's initial plan. The law gives 100,000 youths tuition, modest stipends, health insurance and child care in exchange for community service. It allows students who complete two years of community service work to earn \$4,725 a year to apply toward college tuition or student loans. Participants also will earn living allowances of at least \$7,400 a year and health care and child care benefits. The first programs could be running by the middle of next year. This new law will be a welcomed change for "starving students" especially if they have young children.

The concept is not new. There have been similar concepts in other types of student stipends, grants and loans. Veterans for years have been (or were) allowed to receive student grants to finish their education in return for having served in some branch of the armed service or reserves. From the early 1960's until the early 1980's, Police Officers often went to college under the Law Enforcement Edu-

cation Program (LEEP), a branch of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA). Officers had options of the grant or loan program. The loan had to be repaid within five or ten years, but the interest rate was lower than federal student loans. Under the grant program, the officer did not have to pay back any money, only commit to continuing employment in Law Enforcement for a period of five years.

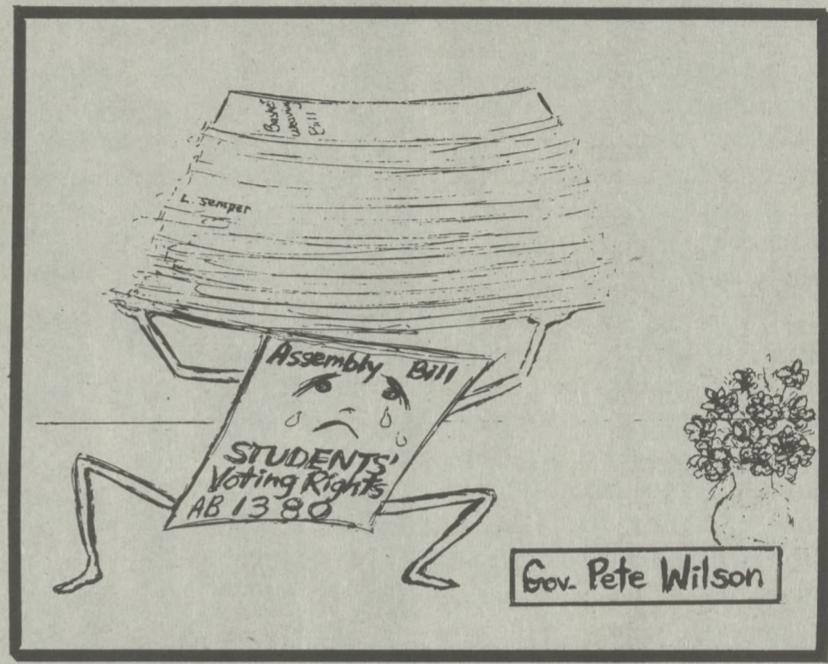
These types of grants were especially welcomed because they covered full tuition and in some cases books, supplies and money to spare. At least until the school grants ran out and Congress no longer funded the programs. These grants allowed students to attend any certified four year institutions that had been accepted for LEEP funding: USC, Stanford, Harvard, Pepperdine, Loyola Marymount, any California State University, or UCLA. Some Police Officers received both Bachelors and Masters degrees, some did post-graduate work. While most funds limited the field of study to law enforcement, most people received

degrees in Public and Business Administration.

Another added benefit to PL 82, is that while students are "earning their tuition" they are also getting work experience, which gives them a better chance for job market success. Also, while the student is repaying \$4,725 a year to loans, they are also earning salary, as most government jobs start between \$15,000 and \$25,000 a year.

For the government, the law will be welcomed over the enormous student loan default problem which has plagued the federal student loan program for decades. Even with IRS helping to collect on default loans, the rate has been quoted as 50 percent and higher.

Last students can opt to pre-pay student loans, by working first and then attend college. This will eliminate the potential for defaulting from this plan. After all, some default is not because the student simply has chosen not to pay their loan, but because of death, incapacitation or loss of financial means to pay their loans. I believe that PL 82 is the best solution for both sides, students and government.



Save a spot... ride a bike

By ANDREW SAMUELSON
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they patrol the school and Gosenson said he can get around the campus quicker.

LAVC has plenty of bike racks on campus that are empty. There is one outside every building totaling 30 around the campus. Parking is a problem. There are too many cars and not enough places to put them. Lots A-G look like the 101 freeway at rush hour. Arriving to class ten minutes early is almost a certain way to be marked tardy by an instructor because an available spot can not be found until a half hour later. Ride-sharing and coming early to class are possible remedies, but they are ineffective. Giving up sleep to come to school on time is too much to ask unmotivated students. And as far as ridesharing, nobody wants to go out of his or her way to pick someone up for school. The solution is bicycles.

Bikes are cheaper than most cars. They do not cost as much to maintain and require no gasoline. If it takes ten minutes to travel to school by car, a bike will take 20-30 minutes. The time will be more than made up in not having to look for a parking place. If a student needs to drop off a kid at the child development center, he or she can purchase a passenger seat for the bike. The kid would love it.

"**LAVC has plenty of bike racks on campus that are empty. There is one outside every building totaling 30 around campus.**"

"If a student lives within 5-6 miles of campus, they should definitely consider riding a bike," Los Angeles Valley College policeman Spencer Gosenson said. The campus police now has bikes on which

The campus police have not reported a stolen bike this semester. As long as students bring a pad lock along with them their bikes should be safe while the students are in class.

An additional benefit is bikes do not have fuel emissions that create smog. Students that are concerned about the environment can immediately help the situation by riding a bike.

Riding a bike to school would not only decongest the parking lots and add exercise to daily life, it would help out the environment. The next time a student is late to class because of parking, he or she should reconsider pedalling to school.

National Service Act misses the point

By JOSE I. LEMUS
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To criticize the Clinton Administration using a Rush Limbaugh style rhetoric is to make a triviality out of the important issues of today.

That is, criticism that makes mockery of how much make up the President is wearing on a given day, and/or how Hilary, not Bill, runs the White House.

But Limbaugh's criticism needs not search for content. It is pure political garbage.

There is, however, some relevant criticism to be done on the Clinton Administration.

Here is a small taste of it, with a focus on education, specifically on the proposed National Service Act of 1993, which is expected to offer student loans, with the opportunity to pay back in the form of community service.

But first, it is timely to insert the following small comment:

In many ways, it is nice to see the "Education President" out of the scene. Students are now well educated. George Bush showed everybody his purposes with education. During the 80's tuition skyrocketed, and financial aid as well

as education overall suffered the greatest cutbacks in history. All part of the President's "focus" on education.

As a result, now hundreds of thousands of students carry with them the heavy weight of large student loan debts, which will stay with them, perhaps through half of their life time.

The issue with the Clinton Administration is different -- but not so much.

Clinton did not heavily campaign on education to be elected. He didn't need to. He did, though, promise access to education for the "sons and daughters" of the working man and woman.

Nonetheless, his victory was based on "change," overall. But in what direction?

For many students the "?" mark grows bigger as time passes.

The National Service Trust Act is, however, the Administration's "best" offer to students. To this, one is expected to howl out -- Bravo! Young people often do community service for free, anyways. Now they can exchange it for education. Beautiful!

Indeed, anything is better than nothing.

However, will Clinton's National

Service program solve the education crisis?

The program is expected to reach about 100,000 students, which is approximately two or three percent of the 5 million students who receive loans, nationally. Students may only work off up to \$20,000 through community work.

Considering the average cost of public and private universities, that is equivalent to 2 years of tuition and other education-related expenses.

It is very likely, though, that community service would pay students at a rate of standard minimum wage, which could mean a "fair" trade of two years of school for 6-8 years of work respectively.

And how about those who use up their allotted amount in the middle of their educational journey?

No one should reject community service, indeed, but as long as it is voluntary.

But the National Service Act, as it stands, does not seem to make it so. It is presented as an "alternative" for students. However as it is, it would result in an alternative for a formidable trade of the low income student's labor power in exchange for low wages.

Another negative of the proposed Act is that it could give birth to a low-wage labor force generation, able to compete with union wages in the public sector, and easily become a union busting tool.

Students should not blindly take a national service program without scrutiny. We deserve better.

Indeed, the National Service program as proposed does not offer opposition to the ever rising cost of education.

The problem is that the proposed program sounds too attractive to many students. What's more, it seems that Administration after Administration in Washington inherits the idea that they "can fool some of the people (the students) all of the times," an old fashioned approach to education that needs to change.

To be sure, a national service program is not a bad idea, as long as it is part of an Education Act that would guarantee a fully funded Pell-Grant system, not replace it; an act that would freeze and roll back tuition. That is the kind of "change" necessary to solve the education crisis.

It is the only way to guarantee (quality) education for all -- a way to real change, because a prosperous future lies, unequivocally, on

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Rail transit system project for Valley running in slow motion

By J. D. WOLVERTON
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Realization of the dream of a new rail transit system for the Valley is following the tortuous route that such massive publicly-funded projects typically face.

A decision still hasn't been made on the form that rail transit will take in the Valley, but in ten months the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) is scheduled to make its determination on the technology that will be employed.

The current debate, involving Valley homeowners and businesses, urban planners, and the MTA, centers on the merits and flaws attendant to two alternatives: a monorail running parallel with and above the Ventura Freeway and a train that would run at certain points through a subway and at ground level, along the railroad right of way which parallels Burbank and Chandler Blvds.

College administrators favor the latter plan, primarily because there is a strong possibility that it would have a station built at the college's doorstep -- most likely located at the intersection of Burbank Blvd and Fulton Ave.

On this subject LAVC President

Mary E. Lee said that "it would certainly be more useful, because of all the schools and businesses along the route, to follow the Burbank-Chandler line."

The college didn't get into the debate, Lee said, until residents and businesses had settled how the proposed route would go. "We didn't take a stand either way, over what would be overground and what would be light rail, but waited until the neighborhood reached a compromise, and came in and supported it (the Burbank-Chandler line,) as opposed to the elevated rail on the freeway," she said.

The college council, composed of administrators, faculty, staff and students, wrote a letter in support of the Burbank-Chandler line last year.

Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA), a group representing major businesses and industries in the Valley, is supporting the Burbank-Chandler line, according to Mary Lee, who is a member of the board of that group.

"The battle isn't over yet," she said, noting that some area residents are strongly objecting to a light rail system, but "anytime you open up opportunities for people to move at will, it can't but

be good."

Lee said that she would like to see a local stop named the Valley College Station, observing that "it would certainly help us with our Air Quality Management District (AQMD) requirements.

Any company with over 200 employees is affected by the regulations; LAVC has over 700. "Within a few years, we are required to come to a ratio of 1.5 persons per auto," Lee said. "If you don't take satisfactory steps toward that, the fine is \$25,000 per day."

On the AQMD rules, LAVC Police Captain Karl Traber said that a metro rail stop at the college would enable it to meet the code's regulation 15, by reducing its Average Vehicle Ridership (AVR). "We try to do anything we can to get employees to carpool," he said of current measures being taken in this area.

"If you've got 300 vehicles, they'd like us to reduce it to 200, and have 100 of those riders driving with somebody else," Traber said.

He praised those LAVC employees who are walking, bicycling and taking the bus to work. "They are helping us a great deal," he said.

Crime Watch

Los Angeles Valley College crime statistics report is published once a month throughout the school year. The report provides information that helps the campus community to be aware of the College's crime prone areas and also gives police safety tips to minimize the chances of becoming a crime victim.

STATISTICS REPORT

According to campus police the following incidents occurred between August 23 and Sep. 30:

- * Battery 1
- * Burglary 2
- * Vandalism 1
- * Petty Thefts 6
- * Burglary from Vehicles 4. Two each on Lots A and B.
- * Stolen Vehicles 4. One each on Lots A, E, G and H.

SAFETY TIPS

Protect your vehicle with an anti-theft "club-like" device.

They are made of heavy metal and it is applied to the steering wheel preventing it from being driven away. They cost under \$40 and can be purchased at any car parts store.

During the night, try to walk in groups to the parking lot. Have your car keys ready. Don't waste time fiddling for them by your car.

If you see a crime in progress or any suspicious activity, do not get involved. Instead call campus police which can be reached from any public telephone on campus by dialing #30.

For any questions concerning safety in campus you may call campus police on their direct line (818) 989-5611 or visit their office at Bungalow 59. There you can also view the Pin Map with up to date information on crime on campus.

HEALTH

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Bernadette Esparza, who has used health services, said, "I don't think the hours are inconvenient because I don't come here that often but it's inconvenient because the doctor is not in when you need him."

"What happens if somebody gets sick? What happens at those times?" said student Susie Amador.

"I think the hours that the school is in progress are the hours that the

health service should remain open," Ben Offer suggested. "Students might need medication, and if closed, they might ask 'what's the need of paying?'" he said.

Tigran Chnrdakyan said, "Anytime during that time something could happen. Instead of calling an ambulance, they (the center) could take care of it instead of a student."

Thomas Troy said, "Sometimes you need to go on Friday or in the afternoon, and you have classes and can't come if they're closed. It's not convenient."

Mahoney also said that it is possible to extend the health service hours "longer, including Fridays, if the budget allows. If the majority of students request longer hours, it's possible," she said.

The campus Business Office said that the College collected close to \$118,000 in health fees during the Fall registration period, as part of a mandatory non-refundable \$7.50 fee instituted in Spring 1993.

However, Dean of Administration Mary Spangler said that Valley college being one of the largest colleges in the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) helps to subsidize other campuses, which include Mission, Harbor, Southwest, Trade-Tech and West Los Angeles.

"Valley is the biggest and we generate more income," she said. The money goes to the district office and we get a smaller budget." The allocation process, she said, "has a leveling effect."

Neither LAVC nor Valley Hospital Medical Center would provide a copy of their contract to reveal how much is spent operating the Center. "You are not getting it," Spangler said.

News notes

Faculty Contracts: For information on an open negotiation on faculty pay rate contracts call (805) 259-7800.

Placement Tests: English and Math placement tests for continuing students who missed those

given during Spring and Summer are scheduled as follows. Access tests for students to whom English

is their first language are on October 19 from 6-9 p.m. and October 28 from 1-4 p.m. ESL tests for students to whom English is a second language are October 21 from 6-9 p.m. and October 26 from 1-4 p.m.

Psychology Course: A ten week course in psychology will be offered beginning in October. Applications will be accepted October 4-6 and registration is on October 7, 8 and 11. For further information call (818) 781-1200 ext. 253.

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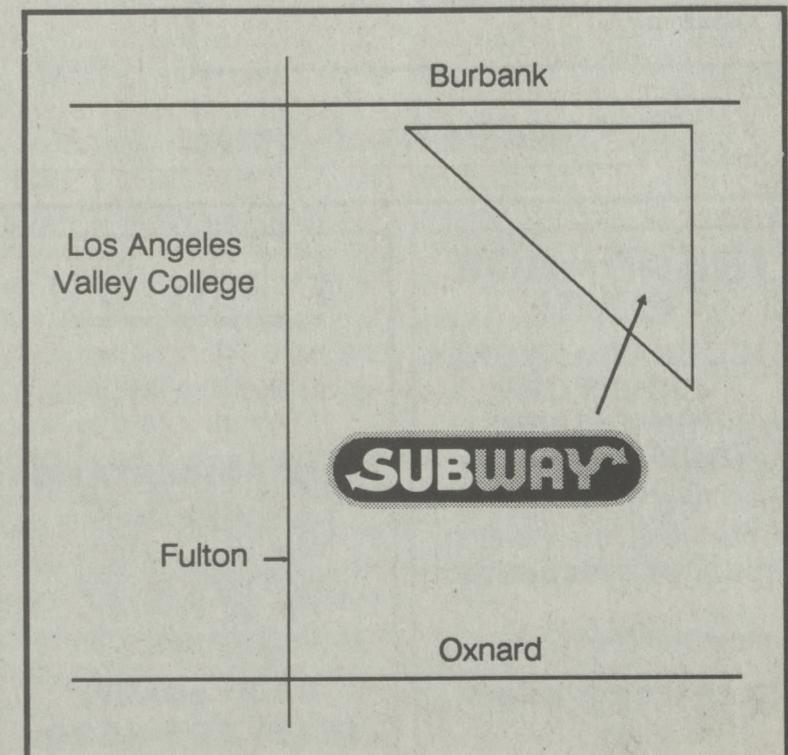
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Entertainment

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Mask exhibit helps Art Gallery

By BETTY LOUSARARIAN
Valley Star Staff Writer

In the spirit of Halloween, the LAVC Art Gallery will be accepting wearable and displayable masks made by students, artists, and any interested others for its October 20-27 exhibition where the masks will be shown and sold to the public. The Art Gallery will benefit from all mask donations for needed improvements to be made on the structure.

According to Art instructor Henry Klein, other than past solicited donations and ASU contributions, much of the Art Gallery's money comes from fundraisers like

this. "We are the only gallery in the LA community college district that does not get some substance of funding from its own school," said Klein, "we raise the money ourselves."

"Committed students and committed faculty carry it on their own back," he added, "with their own time and energy and sometimes money." Klein related the importance of upgrading the Art Gallery to the students' needs: art "should be shown at a professional quality level that sets the standard for students to shoot for."

"The students all work in isolation from one another," said Klein,

"but the gallery is the one central location where different classes can come together as seen in the student shows."

"We should be doing 6-8 exhibits a year in our Art Gallery," said Klein, which should include student shows, occasional faculty shows, and more substance of shows coming from collections and resources outside of the college, but we don't have the resources to do that."

Donated masks should be dropped off between the hours of 11-2 and 7-9 on Monday, October 18 in the Art Gallery.



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Judith Allen and Sergey Silvansky perform Shostakovich Sonata at the Recital Hall

Shostakovich sonata tells story

By VINCENT NICOLETTI
Valley Star Staff Writer

Shostakovich was coming from emotionally when he wrote the sonata, Aller told the audience, "We will let the music speak for itself."

The twelve-tone diminished feeling of the neurotic melody, skitting along like a paranoid hide-and-seek game, told the story with such great precision that Thursday's audience could not help but empathize with the artist's repressed plight.

Aller and Silvansky played extremely well together and gave much credence to the feel of the piece.

Playing since the age of nine, Aller studied violin at the University of Southern California under Jascha Heifetz, and the equally renowned cellist, Gregor Piatigorsky. Aller received a personal recommendation of

excellence for a recorded performance of the "Piano Quintet" by Shostakovich.

Silvansky was born in Kiev, Russia in 1945, where he did undergraduate studies at the Keiv State Tchaikowsky Conservatory. He was a professor of piano and chamber music from 1974-1992 at the Keiv Conservatory.

So far this semester, nothing has been heard or seen on this campus that comes close to the unwavering integrity of quality Thursday's performance provided. The 11 a.m. concert was free for all to attend, though these performers have rarely played for smaller audience.

The Music Department has a great line-up this season and regular listings will appear in the Star Entertainment Events Calendar.

Arts and Events Calendar

Week of October 7-14:
Music: LAVC Concert Series, Aran Barsamian, baritone, Music Recital Hall. Today, Thursday, October 7, 11 a.m.

LAVC Concert Series, Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, Music Recital Hall, Thursday, October 14, 11 a.m.

Theatre: Toneclusters, Lab Theater, Shoebox Theater, Theate and Cinema Arts 101, Friday, October 8, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Saturday, October 9, 8 p.m.

Movie: LAVC Filmex, High Noon, starring Gary Cooper, Grace Kelly, Behavioral Science 101, Wednesday, October 13, 1:30 p.m.

Art: LAVC Art Gallery Council, accepting artistic masks to be sold and displayed at Mask Extravaganza to benefit Art Gallery. Deliver masks to Art Gallery on October 18 and 19.

Henry V resurrected

By MARIE WINSTON
Valley Star Staff Writer

Of the great Shakespearean works, "Henry V" is one of the best. Kenneth Branagh delivers a stunning performance in the starring role of this updated, action-packed classic. He portrays Henry V, King of England who, after being crowned at an early age, struggles to gain the respect of his subjects and the French King.

After being insulted by an emissary from the French King, Henry V embarks on a war with the French army to seize the throne of France. The confrontation takes place on an English battlefield and with cinematographic perfection, we were treated to vivid images of bloody hand-to-hand, sword-to-sword and bow-and-arrow combat.

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The marvelous costuming by Phyllis Dalton won the film the Academy Award for Best Costume Design in 1989, and the score, composed by Patrick Doyle, was brilliantly performed by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

Kenneth Branagh is supported by superior performances from Paul Scofield, Derek Jacobi, Emma Thompson, Ian Holm and Judi Dench. This adaptation of Henry V transforms a Shakespearean classic into a tangible modern film depicting the passion and fervor with which men pursue territorial dominion, even today.

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New look plus new books equal new library

By AMANDA L. DUCHOW
Valley Star Staff Writer

The new Los Angeles Central Library reopened its doors last Sunday after being forced to close its original location due to extensive damage caused by arson fires in 1986.

The \$213.9 million dollar renovation and expansion of L.A.'s historic central library has taken over 6 years to complete. The reopening of the library was surrounded by a free festival, titled "Party Downtown." The festival included entertainment on two outdoor stages for both adults and children.

A wide range of artists performed from Barney the Dinosaur to Flamenco dance teams. The performances were kicked off by a "welcome" from KLOS FM radio team Mark and Brian. The entertainment ended Sunday with a performance by Debbie Allen and friends which included special performances by singers Tevin Campbell, Shelia E, and Chaka Kahn. Also on hand were several dance troops, as well as actor Charles Dutton.

Along with the entertainment on

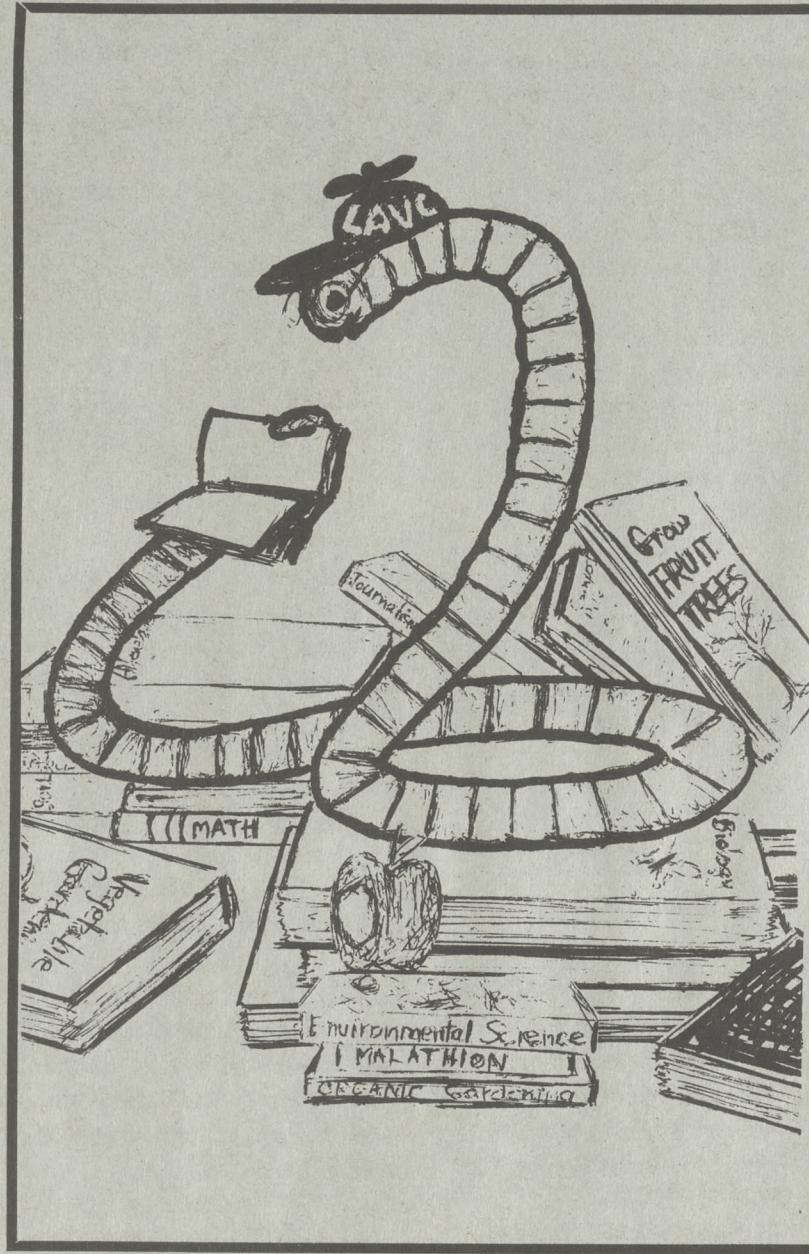
the stages, Creative workshops on bookmaking, story telling, and mime were offered. Entertainment could be found inside the library as well. In the new Mark Taper Auditorium the Los Angeles Music center Opera featuring bass-baritone Richard Bernstein, Tenor Jonathon Mac, mezzo soprano Suzanna Guzman and soprano Dale Frazen, gave a 45 minute performance.

In the new KLOS Story theater childrens author April Halprin Wayland taught children how to fashion their own stories.

Along with the entertainment some of downtown Los Angeles finest restaurants "The Water Grill," "Engine Co. No. 28," and seafood restaurant "McCormick & Schmick's" were on hand selling selections from their menus.

The official celebration began in the morning with speeches by Los Angeles mayor Richard Riordan, city council member Rita Walters. Other city officials also spoke as well as two library supporters, 83 year old Queen Silver and Zachery Shrier 15, spoke on the past and future of the library.

The expansion of the Central Library, which was designated as monument #46 in 1967 has doubled



its original size due to the addition of the Tom Bradley East Wing. The wing is four stories above grade as well as four stories below grade. The wing also includes a striking atrium as well as large overhead chandeliers that are truly works of art.

In addition to the Bradley east wing, is the rehabilitation of the existing structure which was first opened in July of 1926. The rehabilitation has brought back the original splendor of the grand mosaic murals and immense domed ceilings, reminding us of days gone by.

The new Central library is now the third largest library in the United States, and completely state of the art. The Library has eliminated conventional card catalogs and is completely computerized. The system includes the on line public access catalog(PAC).

Eventually the computers will be linked to all Los Angeles public libraries. When the system is fully installed it will contain over 1,100 terminals and serve 63 branch libraries in addition to the central library. Users will be able to search for materials by editor, author, subject title, date or call numbers offered through name, word,

and browse searches.

By the year 1986 over 2.2 million volumes of books were squeezed onto the shelves in the library which had a book capacity of 1.2 million. At that time only 15 percent of the libraries collection was available to the public, while the rest were in closed stacks.

In two separate arson fires set in April and September of 1986 over 375,000 books were lost. Water used to fight the fire damaged thousands of other books. With the help of more than 1,700 volunteers and a unique freeze-drying process a large portion of the books that became damaged were saved.

The reopening of the central library is a victory for all of the city of Los Angeles. With a new garden as well as a 900 car capacity subterranean parking structure, the new library is an oasis among the large and ominous buildings downtown. As students of Valley we are all fortunate to have such a treasure in our backyard and exploring the library is easy, located at 630 West Fifth Street, special events such as book signings are going on as well as expanded hours through the month of October. For more information and hours, call (213) 228-7000.

With honor and a helping hand for all

By S.L. SALAMONE
Valley Star Staff Writer

She can disassemble and then reassemble an M-16. She was part of Desert Storm. Stationed at Port Hueneme, she was a member of the contruction battalion, a military unit that accompanies Marines into combat. She was a weapons and tactics instructor for Sea-Bee's as a member of that unit. She is Ella Archibeque currently Tau Alpha Epsilon, Honor Society President.

"I originally joined to be on the nursing program but ended up doing electric construction." Archibeque joined the Navy reserve 6 years ago. Now in her

fourth year of college, she attends on the G.I. Bill, (money issued by the government through military services to further education.) "My grandfather was in the Navy for 20 years." She said he was an influence and gave her a branch of the military to join.

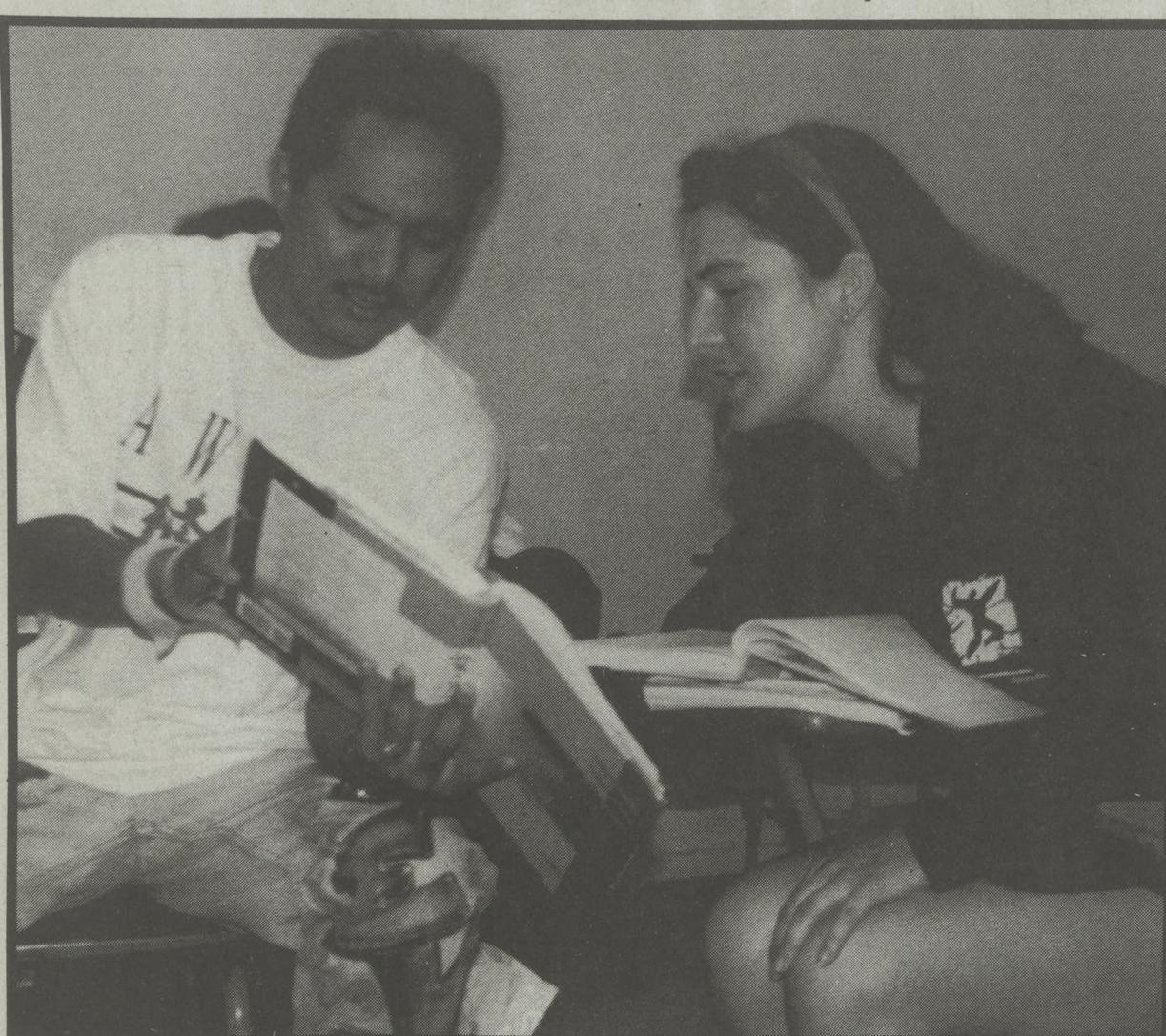
Archibeque was nominated and elected president of TAE this semester. About honor societies she says that throughout school she frequently felt like a, "social nerd." She succeeded scholastically and wanted to be around other people with the same interests. "The society is a homebase, a club I can belong to. It legitimizes my interests." She would like to see TAE gain momentum and move beyond school into the

community, "Make TAE a viable member of society."

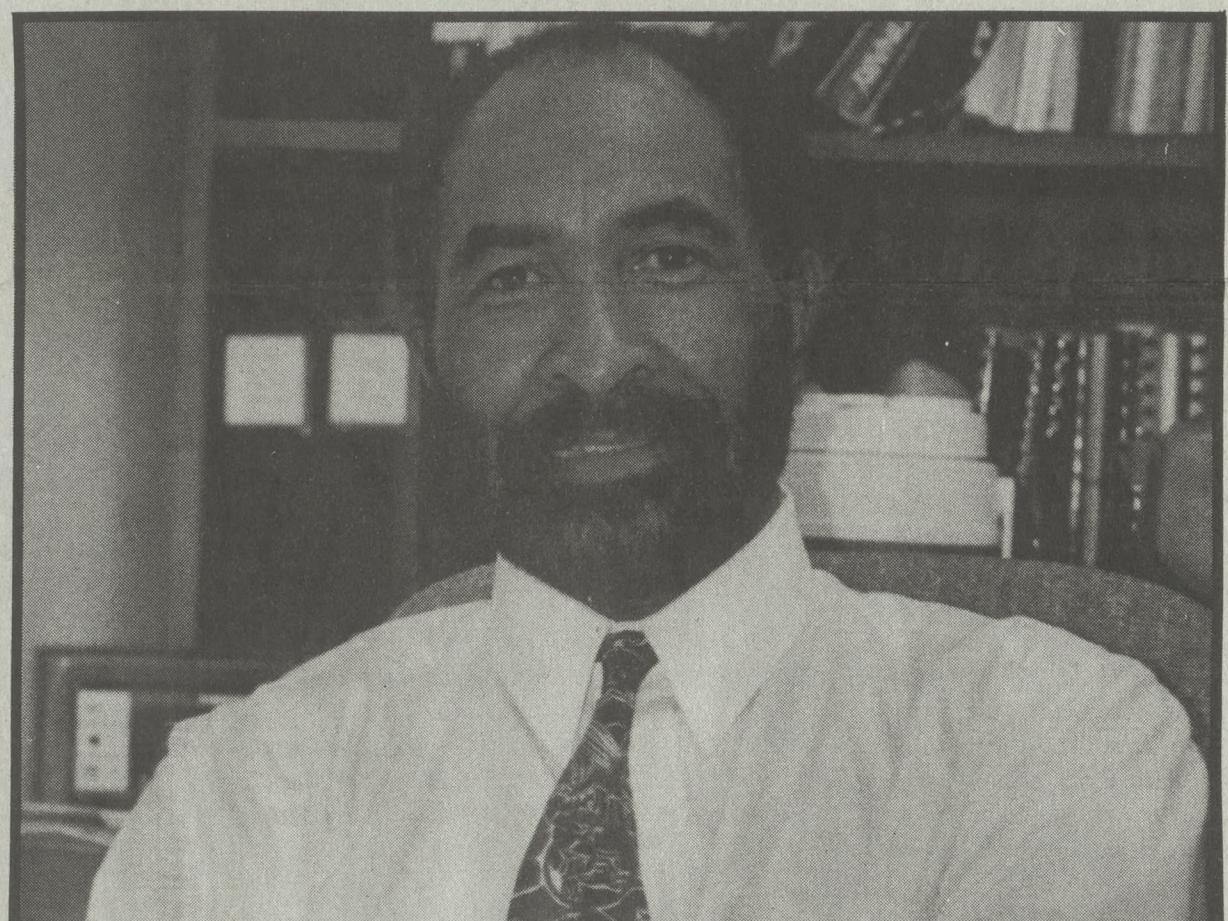
As a sociology major Archibeque looks forward to transferring to UCLA and getting involved in women's issues. She would like to eventually work as a licensed clinical social worker.

"I feel that my involvement in clubs is a measure of my worth. The more you help others the better you feel."

She said that everyone would like to help others but often they are afraid of getting hurt themselves or being taken advantage of. "But if they could just put their fear away they would know how good it feels to help others." She said, "Everyone can do something to help."



Ella Archibeque (left) assists fellow student Antonio Lacson with a Spanish assignment.



Billy Reed, current dean of admissions at his desk in the registrar's office.

Admitting is his business

By DARYL GLINN
Valley Star Staff Writer

He has high energy and a positive attitude that is truly contagious. There is a sense of self-confidence that puts one at ease, and yet an equal fire-in-his-eye when something catches his interest.

For the past 10 months Billy Reed has been dean of admissions. He thought maybe he'd be a doctor. Instead he found himself teaching, coaching football and basketball. He has been a counselor to students in need, and a parole officer to kids in trouble. He has even been an administrator downtown at the district office. Yet today he is in a position that easily gets lost in the shuffle, the registrar's office.

Don't let that boring title put you off, in your best interest, this is a person to get to know. This ex-football player finds satisfaction in helping others. As Reed started talking about what he does in his new post, he wanted to make clear

that his job is easy compared to that of his office staff, "They do not get enough credit." Reed gives credit where credit is due.

Reed's most rewarding experiences are too numerous to pick just one, his favorite, however, is the heartfelt thank-you when a former student calls back to inform him of success.

"What drives me crazy," says Reed, as he sits on the edge of his wooden stool with intensity in his voice, "is when one student wants special treatment when all he had to do was look at the dates in the school schedule." He holds up the first page of the Fall schedule of classes and says, "This is the most crucial piece of information you can have."

Why Valley College? Reed says this is his home."It's where I grew up and where I live now. It's my community, it's where my roots are." Reed says that attending community college is the best way to get acclimated to higher education.

Reed explains the connection between coaching and being an

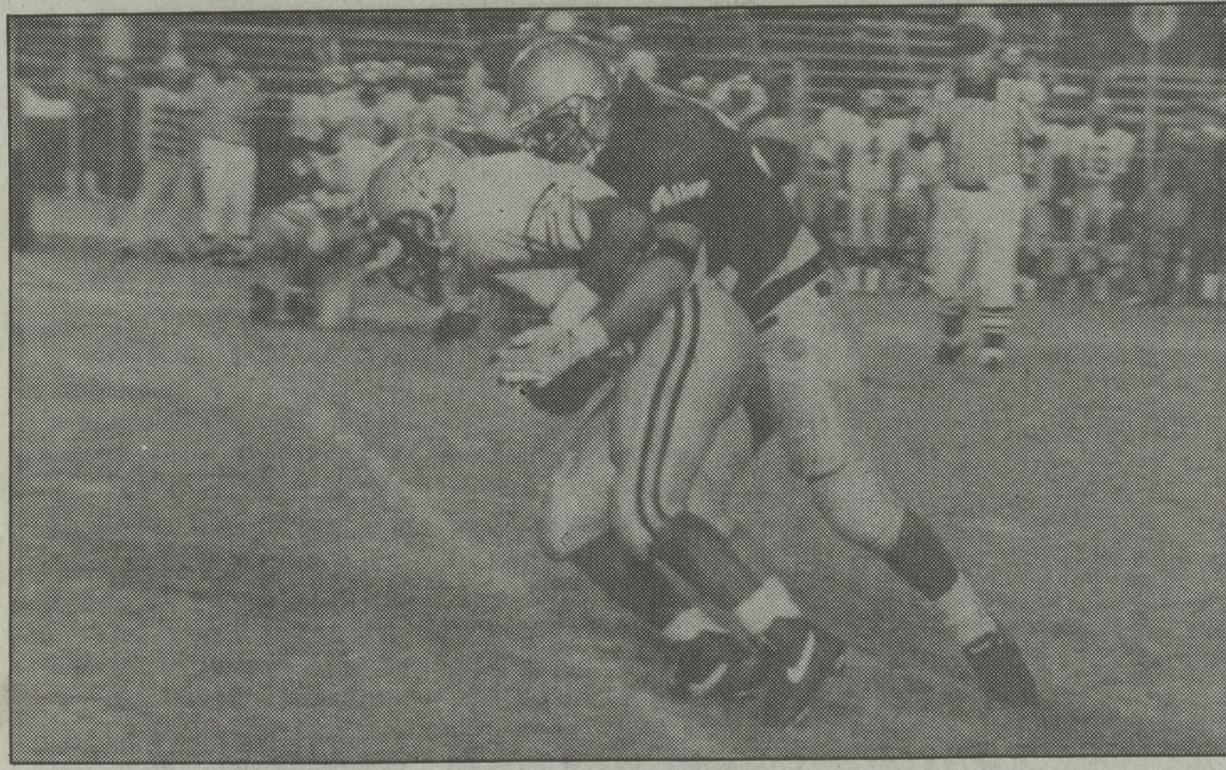
administrator is organizational skills. "It's like being coach and counselor all over again. You have to be in charge of everything, from the emotions of the players to remembering what the goal is."

He wouldn't consider returning to coaching, looking longingly to a past now gone, "Coaching has changed, I'd have a difficult time coaching now. The players don't accept hard advice anymore. You have to be softer. It used to be that parents would be in tune with you." Parents are not involved with their children as much now and the word of the coach does not hold as much water as it used to Reed said.

In his off hours Reed enjoys working out, tennis and jogging and he is a big fan of jazz music, "Hard jazz like Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk and John Coltrane."

The dean of admissions can be found after his business hours talking to students either on the phone or in person, rarely if ever, out of his office by 5:30.

Lions maul Tartars in the den



Corky Higgins/Valley Star

Compton's quarterback Tyrone Phillips gets sacked by a Monarch player in Valley's 33-20 victory on Saturday. The win ran Valley's record to 3-0.

By HAROLD BROWN
Valley Star Staff Writer

The Lions roared, the grounds trembled and the trees swayed. That's how it was Saturday night in the "den," better known as Monarch stadium where the Lions mauled the Tartars, 33-20.

Valley had no last second dramatics in this game. No drama to keep you teetering on the edge of your seat wondering about the outcome: not in this game.

The defense stopped Compton

on the first series of plays in what's becoming a habit so far this season. "We did a good job of stopping them," said Green, linebacker for the Monarchs.

After a punt, the Monarchs started what may be becoming a patented first drive for the touchdown. Valley did it with workman like efficiency. But only this time as they neared the goal line they stumbled and fell on their masks.

A field goal sailed wide and they had nothing to show for their efforts.

Midway through the quarter, the

scoring drive occurred, 62 yards, eight plays. Irving Carter, scored running the ball in from the one yard line for a 7-0 Valley lead.

The next series of downs was an 80 yard drive in 11 plays, with Hector Ortega running the last five yards on an end around for a 14-0 lead.

Compton got their offense rolling with a 76 yard drive in six plays. Darryl Nolan scored on a pass from the 35 yard line from Tyrone Phillips. The ensuing kick was wide and Valley lead 14-6.

The offense in general and Irving

Carter in particular must recognize when you get near the goal line it's the score that counts not the fumble.

A couple of quick exchanges of the ball between the teams produced another score, but it was for Compton with the combination of Phillips to Nolan good for 12 yards this time. A missed conversion by the Tartars left the score 14-12 Valley with 2:34 remaining in the opening quarter.

There were some dramatics and a little drama near the end of the first period.

Valley scored with 27 seconds on the clock. They were trying to get a first down on 4th down and 33 yards, but instead Sean Fitzgerald hit Jimmy Raskovich with a pass good for 38 yards and a touchdown with two Compton hanging on to him as he scored. Valley missed the conversion.

The score at half time was Valley 20, Compton 12.

Irving Carter, ran 35 yards and scored the last Valley touchdown with 5:43 remaining in the third quarter for a 33-12 Monarch lead. "I felt redeemed scoring the touchdown after the fumble," Carter said.

Tyrone Phillips quarterback for the Tartars had good things to say about the Monarch defense, "They played disciplined football and swarmed to the ball," he said.

"It was good winning, we wanted to win, but we wanted to get better at the same time and to look at other players," Coach Fenwick said, after the victory.

Athletes of the month



Erica Reynoso

Reynoso runs on the cross country team. She placed first in two meets and second in another early in September. Reynoso is a freshman and attended Alemany High School.



Sean Fitzgerald

Starting quarterback for the Monarch football team. He was named Western States Conference player of the week twice for his play after the Antelope Valley and Glendale games.

LAVC runs in meet

Monarchs' cross country team ran an "average" meet last Friday at the Bakersfield Invitational. "We're slowly progressing for a good showing at the Conference Meet," said Coach Richard Hardin.

Top finishers for the Monarchs

LAVC beats alumni

Monarchs of all ages met in the pool last Friday for a water polo match as LAVC beat the Alumni 18-14. Brian Heany led the team in scoring with 5 goals, and goalie Ken Vudmaka had a season high 20 saves.

Next up was the Ventura Mini-Tourney over the weekend. Santa Monica defeated LAVC 11-6. Again Heany led the Monarchs with 2 goals.

Danny Kim had 2 goals in the next game to lead LAVC, but it was not nearly enough as Palomar dominated 15-5.

"This week will be the most important of the season for us as we will be playing six games which include two key conference games against Ventura and Cuesta." Said Coach Bill Krauss of the games this week.

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